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As protests mount over the PSL's ban on "Soccer Action" over our use of ethnic club names, leading columnist Peter Scott of Sydney and Walter Pless of Hobart fuel the flames.

THE PUBLIC IS BEING HOODWINKED

NEW ZEALAND WIPED THE SMILES OFF THEIR FACES



"Those whom the gods wish to destroy, they first make mad." True, how very true: especially to the keen observer of Australian soccer.

Such are my thoughts in the wake of the "great newspaper purge" initiated by the Phillips Soccer League's management committee.

As soccer's showpiece in this country flounders, with crowds diminishing and clubs getting more and more into the red, those entrusted with nurturing the sport, improving its image and assuring its place as a spectator entertainment do what?

They worry about naughty words, such as: Hellas, Makedonia, JUST and APIA.

It is a fairly commonly held belief that the men who are entrusted with the administration of soccer in general and the PSL in particular are successful businessmen, who have the know-how to translate their expertise to our sport.

Wrong again! Successful businessmen — even tycoons, some of them — they may well be, but unfortunately soccer to them seems to be in the same category as stamp collecting or bird watching to more ordinary folk.

A hobby, purely and simply. Sadly, the media has assisted them in hoodwinking the public, by singing songs of praise about the "professionalism" of this club or that.

At the same time it was conveniently ignored that "the professionals" are running at annual deficits of a quarter of a million dollars in some cases and are kept afloat by the involuntary contributions of social-club members in many instances.

Quite simply, millions are skimmed off club



By Peter Scott

takings without the assent of members in a number of cases.

Our budding tycoons, who fancy themselves as soccer experts, are indulging in their pastime without the necessity of having to pay for it themselves.

In this they differ radically from stamp collectors.

As a supporter of the formation of the marketing company — documented in the columns of "Soccer Action" last year — I now place some of the blame squarely on their shoulders, too.

Methinks our marketing chaps are telling their federation bosses what they wish to hear — not what they should. If I'm mistaken, well, accept my apologies gentlemen. But the proof is in the pudding. If I may be allowed just one more cliché.

Any marketing person worth his salt must be blind if he fails to recognise where soccer's immediate — and even long term — audience is.

We are a multi-cultural society and not only ought to be proud of the fact, but how about cashing in on it?

With nearly one out of every three aussies born abroad or the child of a parent born abroad, there is colossal potential out there.

So what do our "wise men" do? Not only do they ignore this market — which would be bad enough in itself — they also try to do everything possible to turn off those members of our multi-cultural community who have hides thick enough to put up with the insulting assumptions regularly voiced about them.

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WHITTLE V. EVANS

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Alan Whittle and Alun Evans played alongside each other for the English schoolboys but they'll be enemies for 90 minutes at Connor Reserve on Sunday when South Melbourne Hellas faces its stiffest PSL test so far against a fit, aggressive Preston Makedonia.

The local derby atmosphere has been enhanced by Whittle's presence and his diminutive build and blond hair; should immediately endear him to thousands of Makedonia fans who will pack Connor Reserve in Reservoir.

Makedonia has goalscorers galore. It's at the back that its weakness lies.

Evans is at the heart of most Hellas attacks. Makedonia coach Brian Edgley often used Ljube Petrovski as a destroyer last year in the Victorian State League. Don't be surprised to see Petrovski given the same task against in-form Evans.

The Hellas defence faces a fearsome trio of attackers in Rob Cullen, Doug Brown and Peter Orlerton. Add the scoring ability of Whittle and Claude Lucchesi and you



Alun Evans

have a side with a striking capability unmatched in the PSL.

I can't wait to see how Vince Bannon and Alan Davidson cope with Brown and Cullen.

Bannon is a fierce, relentless tackler. His commitment is total.

Brown's acceleration, ball skills and shooting ability will put the consistent Bannon under pressure.

Davidson has received criticism in recent weeks over the defensive aspects of his game. He won't want to give the tigerish Cullen an inch on Sunday.

Cullen is all go, taking on opponents, coming back to keep a tight rein on overlapping full backs and generally an inspiring, aggressive player, the epitome of the non-stop, hard running style of Makedonia.

In front of what should be the biggest Melbourne crowd of the season Makedonia can inflict a first league loss on Hellas and open up the race for top spot on the PSL ladder.

A win to Makedonia could be the tonic needed to start a drive up the ladder and claim a top four berth at the end of its first season in the PSL.

The Soccerers were super-confident as they posed for our photographer Les Shorrocks after a training session in Auckland. However, they performed poorly in drawing their World Cup game 3-3, and will have to improve for the return game on May 16. The players, from left, are: Allan Maher, Sebastian Giampaolo, Ken Boden, Steve Blair (observed), John Yzendoorn, Mark Janikovic, Eddie Krncovic, Steve Perry (rear), Peter Shama, Rudi Gutendorf coach, Billy Rogers (rear Peter Katholos (front), Murray Barnes, Alan Davidson, Tony Henderson, Jim Tansey and John Kosmina. See pages 2, 3 and 4 for our World Cup coverage.

TRADITION'S DYING

The black-banning of "Soccer Action" by the Phillips Soccer League because the paper continues to refer to clubs by their ethnic names raises questions yet again about the wisdom of dropping ethnic names.

It is doubtful whether the change of names will "Australianise" soccer in this country, which was the reason behind the decision to drop ethnic names.

The clubs still will retain their ethnic support for some time and they will continue to use good Australian or overseas players, regardless of nationality.

Overseas experience has shown that ethnic names do not weaken the domestic game. They may, in fact, strengthen it.

Dropping ethnic names can only have a harmful effect on the game in Australia because it will destroy the game's tradition.

Tradition is very important in soccer.

One only has to look at the game in any



By WALTER PLESS

overseas country where it has been established for any length of time. It is invariably filled with tradition. There are club traditions, traditional club rivalries (e.g. derby games), and there are traditions surrounding competitions (e.g. the F.A. Cup in England).

To remove a club's name is to destroy its tradition, its very soul. Ethnic names in Australian soccer should be allowed to become part of Australian soccer's tradition.

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By JACK REILLY
former Socceroo goalkeeper

Let's hear players' view on tactics

After the debacle in New Zealand, coach Rudi Gutendorf has a lot to answer for. Was that the culmination of two and a half years' work and experimentation with more than 60 players? If so, Australian soccer is going backwards.

What we saw was 11 units but no team.

It was ridiculous for Gutendorf to claim a moral victory in having gained a draw.

The fact is that in a World Cup away game, you have a point before you step onto the park. If you score one goal, you should be close to winning. If the score three, you certainly should be winning.

Unless we get organised as a team, and unless we organise our defence, I reckon we can say good-bye to Spain.

Gutendorf should spend a lot more time discussing tactics with his players, and getting them to take an active part in those discussions, putting forward their own ideas and preferences of playing styles.

This would be far preferable to running around on the beach!

Steve Blair is potentially one of the best stoppers Australia has produced but to have been thrown in at the deep end this way, without adequate support on the field, was grossly unfair to him.

Every player has a bad day, and on this day, the fates directed their wrath at Murray Barnes, who simply couldn't do a thing right.

And Tony Henderson was a flop as sweeper. The sweeper is supposed to give cover, but where was the cover when New Zealand scored its second goal?

A big question must be asked of Gutendorf about discipline on the field. To hit the front three times in a World Cup game and not come away with a win means that on-field discipline must be virtually non-existent.

The people suffering most at the moment are the countless junior players in whom much time has been invested because there was genuine confidence about our ability to get to Spain.

Our Davidsons, Christopoulos, Woodhouses, Blairs, are the product of Australia's World Cup qualification in 1974. If we don't make it this time, juniors will lose their impetus and the game will go backwards.

Everything now rests with the Socceroos themselves. We all believe they have the talent to succeed but they are playing under a cloud of fear. They are petrified about losing their positions, the way so many already have.

In 1973-74 we were secure in our positions. We had the comfort of having a coach who believed in us. We were allowed to have the occasional bad game without losing our positions.

Our team had character, because the character was allowed to be there and it was nurtured.

At the moment, the overriding personality is that of Gutendorf.

"Soccer Action" experts analyse the New



A classic in soccer photography — LES SHORROCK'S picture of Eddie Krncevic heading Australia's third goal past goalkeeper Richard Wilson.

AUSTRALIA

NEW ZEALAND 3 (G. Turner 24th, Wooddin 34th, Sumner 80th) AUSTRALIA 3 (Krncevic 15th & 41st, Boden 31st) at Mt Smart Stadium, Auckland, crowd about 15,000, Oceania Zone World Cup qualifying match.
NEW ZEALAND: Wilson 5 — Hill 8, Almond 7, Herbert 6, Dods 8 — McKay 6 (Etrick 69th), Sumner 5, Cole 7, G. Turner 8 — Wooddin 9, B. Turner 7 (Campbell 7, 57th).
AUSTRALIA: Maher 7 — Henderson 5 — Perry 6 (Yzendoorn 83rd), Barnes 5, Blair 5, Davidson 8 — Rogers 7, Boden 5 (Giampaolo 68th), Krncevic 9 — Sharne 7, Kosmina 7.
Referee: G. Menegali (Italy) 10.

The score matched Australia's two previous World Cup results in Auckland — 1-1 in 1973 and 1-1 in 1977 — but the quality of play did not inspire confidence in the Socceroos' long-term prospects of reaching the finals in Spain next year.

On the other hand, it's virtually impossible for the Socceroos to play any worse than they did in Auckland, so we should see a dramatic improvement in the return game in Sydney on May 16.

They will have to play some soccer in that match!

Everything went wrong in Auckland on Saturday due to Australia's approach to the game, yet defeat was somehow averted.

Most of the players looked like they didn't want the ball!

Alan Davidson was the only Socceroo who was able to play controlled, lead-up soccer as opposed to the wild kicking employed by his team-mates.

And the only successful play in attack was the high ball to the head of big Eddie Krncevic who

scored two goals as well as lending his strength and energy to the defence.

Just as well that coach Rudi Gutendorf changed his mind about Krncevic. Before the squad left for Auckland, Gutendorf had said that Krncevic would be on the bench.

It's quite natural to play cautiously in a World Cup away game, but the tactics used against New Zealand would have been more appropriate to a game against a world giant like Argentina, West Germany or Italy.

Against New Zealand's two strikers — Steve Woodin and Brian Turner — Gutendorf used a defence of no less than five men. Steve Perry and Davidson were the full backs, Tony Henderson the floundering sweeper and Murray Barnes and Steve Blair the unsuccessful markers of the two strikers. It would have been OK had some of them attacked — but only Davidson did so.

In midfield, Billy Rogers marked New Zealand captain Steve Sumner, while Socceroos forwards Peter Sharne and



LAURIE SCHWAB

John Kosmina were required to spend so much time in defence that they had little energy left when the ball finally came to them in an offensive position.

And when the Australian rear guard booted the ball wildly upfield, it invariably fell to the feet of an unopposed New Zealand player.

The dominance of strikers Woodin and Brian Turner — until he went off injured in the 57th minute — was particularly disturbing.

Their play was to make a run into space, receive the ball on their feet, and relay it quickly to a supporting player. The Socceroos should have anticipated the play, as New Zealand coach John Adgey is of the same school as local English coaches Ken Morton (Wollongong), Alan Vest (Newcastle) and Len McKendry (Croatia).

Yet markers Barnes and Blair did not seem to understand what was happening. Instead of beating Woodin and Turner to the ball, Barnes and Blair stayed too far behind them and allowed them to turn towards goal.

In future games this must be rectified. What's more, there must be men in midfield to receive the ball from their defence.

The Socceroos may have led three times — at 1-0, 2-1 and 3-2 — but they were thoroughly outplayed.

In fact New Zealand would have had the victory if deserved had Duncan Cole not missed from three metres and had it not been for Allan Maher's timely save of a header by Grant Turner after Steve Blair had missed the ball in the air.

In its well-rehearsed one-two between Brian Turner and Woodin, the quick supporting play of Grant Turner, Glen Dods, John Hill and Cole, New Zealand played almost exactly the same type of

soccer that Heidelberg United played so successfully last season.

Australia's play, in comparison, resembled an angry erratic whirlwind — all bluster, wild tackling, panicky clearances and countless mistakes.

Before I continue — just an angry word about the Australian Broadcasting Commission. It agreed to cover the game, yet it preferred to show the end of the Melbourne Anzac Day service, meaning it deprived viewers of the first half hour of play and the first goal by Eddie Krncevic.

When I rang to complain, like so many other soccer fans had beforehand, I was greeted by an extremely rude female voice on the switchboard!

Gutendorf has said he will make a few changes for the return game in Sydney.

Surely he must use John Yzendoorn as sweeper. He is the only man in the squad who has experience and expertise in that position. Tony Henderson should play stopper.

But the most important thing is to make sure there is a midfield and a forward line. If all the men go into defence, and if you have your forwards chasing back all the time, what hope is there of stamping any authority on the game?

New Zealand may have outplayed the Socceroos in Auckland, but it did so mainly because Australia dropped back to provide New Zealand with all the space it wanted.

By closing down opponents in midfield rather than inside your own penalty area, you give yourself a much better chance of playing this game they call soccer.

It was mistakes rather than slick play that yielded six goals in a game which had been expected to yield a maximum of two.

Krncevic's opening goal in the 15th minute came after the New Zealand

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Ken Boden scores Australia's second goal, beating a challenge by John Hill (right). Others in the picture, from left: Ricky Herbert, Eddie Krncevic, Bobby Almond.



By JOHNNY WARREN
former Socceroo captain

Home game hard

Despite what Rudi Gutendorf said, Australia's performance against New Zealand was no million-dollar show. That's the reported cost of the Socceroos' World Cup preparation, making it more expensive than our 1964, 1973-74 and 1977 Cup bids combined.

It was New Zealand that looked the million-dollar team and if I were Rudi, I'd keep quiet and thank my lucky stars that I got out of the Shaky Isles with a point, and I'd be thinking deeply about what to do in the return match in Sydney on May 16.

One of the few redeeming features of Saturday's game was the welcome return to form of Eddie Krncevic, and the continuing maturity of Alan Davidson.

Eddie has been taking a lot of stick and he has suffered the same fate of so many other young players

who were built into superstars too early and then pulled to pieces by their critics, bit by bit.

Thank God for his two goals. They were the most appropriate answer to those who have tried to destroy him. I offer my personal congratulations to this likeable and talented Socceroo.

However, I just couldn't believe how poorly Tony Henderson played. He is a personal friend of mine, I coached him at Canberra City and I was the leading advocate of taking him out of midfield into the back four.

But Saturday's performance was one of the worst I have seen from him. He failed as sweeper, but I would make him stopper for the next match, and bring in John Yzendoorn as the sweeper. Henderson still is the ideal man to control New Zealand's most dangerous player, Steve Wooddin.

Without meaning any disrespect to young Steve Blair, I must say it was a little unfair to throw him in at the deep end in such an important game.

Still, all in all, a draw away from home is a fair result in the World Cup and Australia still has time to put right the horrible experience of Auckland.

One word of warning for the return match. I do not agree that Australia will be favored by its home ground advantage on May 16.

Most of the Kiwis are now more at home in Australia than in New Zealand, and there will be more pressure on the Socceroos in front of their own fans, to get the result that had been promised in Auckland.

Stop knocking!

SIR — I came to this country 28 years ago from Switzerland and I continue to be amazed at the way soccer here tears itself apart.

Rudi Gutendorf has brought modern soccer to Australia and it sickens me the way he is constantly criticised.

Rale Rasic for example, hits at him all the time on Channel 6.

With the present attitude by so many sections of the media, how will soccer ever succeed

in getting to the top in the face of competition from the other sports!

Instead of criticising, instead of being negative all the time, why don't we put on a united front, a positive image and a positive outlook?

What we want first of all is total support for the Socceroos when they play their World Cup matches at home.

— HELMUT SIEDER
(Former player of Lions (Vic).)

OUTPLAYED



Australia's coach Rudi Gutendorf signals that there are only two minutes to go.



New Zealand's stars, from top left, to right: Steve Wooddin, John Hill, Glen Dods and Duncan Cole.

We still have the players

I felt sick when I watched Australia draw 3-3 with the Kiwis last Saturday.

I've listened to the stories about how little Rudi Gutendorf has done to work on organisation, even on something as basic as closing down opponents but I'm now moved to believe those stories are true.

Two and a half years and almost a million dollars on, we haven't worked out a free kick.

It's not a disgrace, it's a catastrophe. I couldn't believe how many players we got behind the ball and the Kiwis still had acres of space up front.

Certain high-ranking ASF officials are hell bent on Australianising our soccer. Well, they should be pleased to see that our national side bases its game on kicking the ball as high and as hard as it can in the opposite direction to



Craig Mackenzie

the Australian goal, a la Aussie Rules.

To be honest I wanted the Socceroos to hammer the Kiwis.

The last thing I thought I'd feel is sorrow for the side which tried to play the ball on the deck and to build up play but because of its defensive weakness had to settle for a draw at home.

Honestly I couldn't believe my eyes when Eddie Krncevic, John Kosmina and Peter Sharne were defending in and around the Australian area.

If we're going to invite sides to come at us at least let's get tight at the back.

If this is what Gutendorf learnt in Germany, Switzerland, Peru, Chile, US, Tunisia and Botswana then let him continue his pilgrimage in another part of the world.

And I'm not a friend of New Zealand; just an interested and worried Aussie supporter.

I'll say this once. We haven't got a ghost of a chance of beating Kuwait, I think we'll struggle against China and I'll be biting my fingernails right throughout the games against Indonesia.

But I want to make this point.

WE HAVE THE PLAYERS TO GET US TO SPAIN!

Unfortunately for these players the chance of a lifetime is skipping away with the playground-type organisation evident against NZ.

I'm afraid that you've lost me, Rudi.

But I still believe in the players.

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Where are those Aussie hordes?

From page one

Sooner or later (probably sooner, judging by recent crowd figures) even the diehard European soccer fanatic succumbs either to age, or gets fed up with the insults heaped upon him.

In the meantime, the predicted hordes of Aussies have not materialised for the Rams, Gunners, Slickers and Warriors, or even the multitude of cities in the PSL. In fact, there were many, many thousands more of them in the stands and on the hills 20 years ago.

But then, that's something which only 37-year-old has-beens like me can remember

Who would listen to us when there is a horde of experts available whose involvement with soccer stretches back some five minutes?

Unlike many pessimists, I foresee a future for soccer even under the present sad sack bunch of so-called administrators.

In fact, I confidently predict that any day now you will be unable to move from the sheer pressure of crowds—in the VIP boxes.

I regret to say that the situation in the stands will be, and in many instances already is, slightly different

Let clubs decide

From p. 1

'Free market' forces should be allowed to operate.

As clubs founded by Australians and bearing Australian names reach the top they will stand beside those clubs with ethnic names.

We are a nation of immigrants and just as Eddie Krncevic wouldn't be asked to change his name to Edward Smith, Hellas shouldn't be asked to change its name to South Melbourne Gunners.

Ethnic names don't really do much harm to the game.

The clubs with ethnic names attract a lot of supporters (including Australians) and they certainly don't prevent Australian-born youngsters or overseas imports from playing for them.

They are not ethnically exclusive.

The best youngsters will still wish to play for the best clubs, regardless of the club's name or ethnic foundations.

Although there may be occasional violence between the supporters of different ethnic clubs, a lack of ethnic names in England, for example, doesn't stop the Manchester United fans from beating the hell out of other English supporters.

As time goes on and as the flow of immigration ebbs, as the children of immigrants inter-marry with Australians

and other immigrant groups and as their children become Australianised, the clubs with ethnic names will become more Australianised themselves and they will become part of the Australian soccer tradition.

Their ethnic origins will assume less significance and Australians will think nothing of supporting a team with a name such as Hellas or Hakoah, as against Newcastle United or South Hobart.

The ethnic names will have become traditional and of little ethnic importance. They will strengthen the game's tradition, which is good.

A brief look at some overseas countries illustrates the importance of tradition and shows that ethnic names don't necessarily have harmful effects.

In Spain we find Athletic de Bilbao, a club formed in the late-1890s by British immigrants. During the Franco era, when foreign names were banned, the club was forced to adopt the Spanish version, Atletico Bilbao. Since the demise of Franco, the club has readopted the name Athletic, and yet it is as Spanish as any other Spanish club.

In Argentina, current world champions, there are ethnic names such as Newell's Old Boys, Chaco For Ever and

River Plate (not Rio de la Plata) in the national league.

In Chile there are O'Higgins, Everton, Palestino, Audax, Italiano, Wanderers and Green Cross.

In Peru there is Sport Boys and in Brazil there is Portuguesa.

These clubs are on a par with every other club in their respective countries. They are just as Argentinian, Chilean, Peruvian or Brazilian, respectively, despite their ethnic names and origins, as the clubs in those countries that have local names.

The ethnic club names quoted have gained acceptance over the years and they now reflect the traditions of the game in those countries. A club such as Newell's Old Boys, although founded by Englishmen, probably now has no English speaking supporters at all!

And so, back to Australia.

The significance of ethnic names will dwindle over the years. It is unnecessary to remove them.

The tradition of having them only can serve to establish the game on a firm foundation.

By the year 2000 Marconi may not have many Italian speaking supporters, but the club will have a mighty tradition!

THE BATTLE OF AUCKLAND

INDONESIA WILL BE TOUGHER

By TED SIMMONS



The hand-shaking ceremony before the game between captains Murray Barnes (left) and Steve Sumner. Match officials, from left, are: Othman Bin Omar, B. Menegali and G. Joseph.

Indonesia could prove to be a bigger stumbling block than New Zealand in Australia's quest for a place in the World Cup finals in Spain next year.

New Zealand World Cup director Charles Dempsey already has rated Indonesia as a bigger danger than Australia, and Socceroo coach Rudi Gutendorf also rates it highly.

Indonesia last year travelled extensively overseas, especially to Brazil and the Middle East to improve its playing skills and has just hosted a Brazilian team in return.

Australia drew 1-1 with Indonesia in Djakarta on the last match of the controversial tour last December and players and officials were surprised at the better performance by the home team.

The Socceroo will be the last to get underway in the Oceania qualifying section and have to wait until mid-May for their next match.

The New Zealand team leaves Auckland on Friday for its away leg, and will play Fiji, Taiwan and Indonesia before flying into Sydney for the return match against Australia on May 16.

Experienced full-back Jim Tansey has already been nominated by Gutendorf to win back his place in the defence, and to utilise his sorely-missed overlapping runs.

Sydney Olympic coach Tommy Docherty was outspoken in his criticism of most areas of the team, and believes Gutendorf will need a ball-player like Peter Katholos to get action.

Gutendorf believes the Australians can improve by at least thirty percent on Saturday's display, and has indicated some changes may be necessary to achieve that objective.

But he is expected to basically rely on many of the same team who took part in the Anzac Day draw, as well as the fact that it will be a home match with local support.

One of the big boosts that encouraged New Zealand was the thousands of schoolchildren who constantly chanted and cheered as they urged on the team.

However Gutendorf does not think the New Zealanders can raise their game higher, and could be at a psychological disadvantage in the return against Australia if they drop any points over the away leg.

The Australians will not have any break after the New Zealand visit and face normal club training this week in preparation for Phillips League matches at the weekend.

They are not expected to move into a training camp until just before the New Zealand match, and also to prepare them for the first game against Indonesia in Melbourne four days later.

A light-hearted training session. Ken Boden leaves ASF secretary Brian le Fevre (right) for dead and prepares to beat journalist Tom Anderson.



Some of the thousands of New Zealand junior players who were invited to attend the World Cup game free.



New Zealand, from left: Sumner, B. Turner, Cole, Almond, Hill, Dods, Wilson, Wooddin, McKay, Herbert, G. Turner. All pictures by LES SHORROCK.

New Zealand coach John Adshead

Docherty, Rasic chase Kiwis

Sydney soccer clubs have moved quickly with offers to two of New Zealand's goal-scorers in the 3-3 world Cup draw with Australia on Saturday.

The players are strikers Steve Wooddin and Grant Turner.

Wooddin, man of the match at Auckland's Mt Smart Stadium, is reported to be the target of Phillips League side Blacktown Demons.

Turner is reportedly being chased by Sydney Olympians, whose coach Tommy Docherty was at Saturday's game.



Australia, from left: Maher, Sharne, Boden, Krncevic, Kosmine, Davidson, Perry, Rogers, Blair, Henderson, Barnes.

'Ordinary': Adshead; 'Magnificent': Gutendorf

New Zealand's national coach John Adshead, whose team drew 3-3 with Australia in Auckland on Saturday, said his side must remain unbeaten before the May 16 return match in Sydney.

"That will put all the pressure on the Aussies. They will not be able to sit back and defend, as they like to, and I think we can expose the weaknesses in their side."

The New Zealand team leaves home on Friday to play three away games in the Oceania Group against Fiji, Taiwan and Indonesia.

"If we can avoid serious injuries, the Aussies can look out," Adshead said.

Each team in the group plays each of the others at home and away, the group winner moving into a final qualifying section with the two top Asian group teams. The best two of those three nations then go to the 1982 World Cup finals in Spain.

The tour of away games could give Adshead and his men a vital edge for the all-important Sydney game with Australia, the Socceroo's next match.

Speaking of Saturday's match, Adshead said: "I have never seen an Australian team with so little to offer."

"They caught us out with high balls into the penalty area which we failed to clear

But New Zealand played the football and we at least matched them in every other department. If I had realised Aussie was that ordinary I would have gone about the game differently."

Australian coach Rudi Gutendorf said later: "You can't play football for 90 minutes at the pace we played in the first half. It was a magnificent effort. But New Zealand kept coming back. It showed a lot of character."

Gutendorf said he perhaps made a mistake playing two players who were not 100 percent fit. Ken Boden and Alan Davidson

"But a draw here was as good as a win. You'll see a different Australia in the return in Sydney on May 16," he said.

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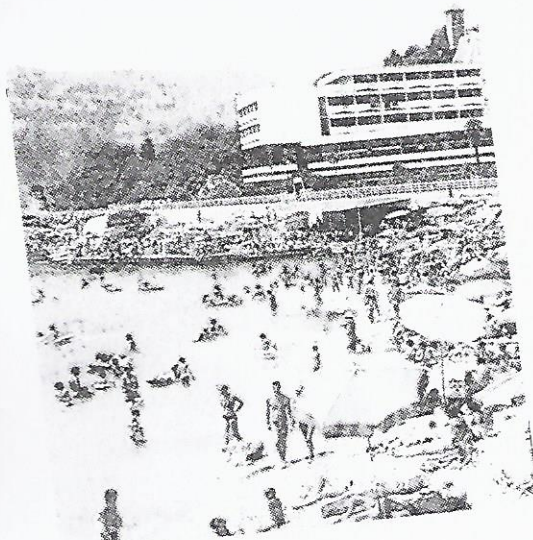
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STOP KNOCKING, LOOK AT KIDS AND FACILITIES

By Tasmanian coaching director
STEVE DARBY

The clubs of the future in Australia are the ones that have sacrificed short-term success to develop their facilities and, in time, these facilities will pay for themselves and the on-pitch success will come.

The next important factor is the youth policy of the club. What is success in a youth policy?

Is it to win a cup, which is quickly forgotten, or to get five or six youth players to graduate to the first team?

It must be the latter. This is where the role of the imported player is vital. Top players are needed in the game to act as models for the kids. The kids learn a great deal from them, both in skills and attitude to the game.

Let the import help the kids, talk to them, coach them, etc. The kids will emulate the attitudes which the Rooneys, Bannons and Hermistons promote.

Unfortunately, a few 'bad' imports have given the word 'import' a poor image.

Any imports reading this should, perhaps, take a look at themselves. Are you giving the kids in your club the correct image?

On a small scale I think we must take a leaf out of Kevin Keegan's book.

What is the best way to structure a club coaching scheme? Why not employ a well qualified player/coach on a full-time basis? A typical timetable of work could be as follows, though as any full time coach will know, this is flexible. The benefits of such a programme would be long-lasting, not short-term.

I do not profess to know all the answers, but let's try to look at ourselves and pull together for the development of the game which we all love.

Alan Whittle: a \$200,000

transfer and a flight from Iranian guns

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

There must be many English First Division players who look at Australia as a banana republic and soccer here as a bit of a dawdle.

That's not the case with Preston Makedonia's import Alan Whittle.

The former Everton, Crystal Palace and Leyton Orient star still gets nervous as he prepares for his first game with a new club in a foreign country. And that's a good sign as far as he's concerned.

"It means that I'm not complacent. I've been in the game for a long time but I never take it for granted," said Whittle.

"Football's never an easy game, it's something that you have to work at all the time."

Even in the Middle East.

Whittle spent 18 months in Iran playing for Persepolis, the Manchester United of Iranian soccer, the club with the biggest following — average gates of over 20,000 — and the club expected to win every game.

As a 15-year-old, Whittle played alongside South Melbourne Hellas star Alan Evans in the English schoolboys side.

The manager of the schoolboys was Pat Wellton and Tom Saunders was coach. Saunders

now is the chief scout for Liverpool.

The highlight of Whittle's six schoolboy internationals was beating West Germany 2-1 at the Olympic Stadium in Berlin.

He became an apprentice professional with Everton and after two years was signed as a full time pro.

That was the start of an eight-year stint with "The Toffes" which ended in 1973.

During that time Whittle played under only one manager — Harry Catterick. Arch rival Liverpool was managed by Bill Shankly.

"Shankly was regarded as the tracksuit man whereas Catterick was the collar and tie man. But Catterick had a good track record with a couple of F.A. cups and league championships under his belt," said Whittle.

"At that time Everton was the school of science. It was better technically than Liverpool which was a harder, more physical side."

"Of course that's all changed now and Liverpool probably is the best club side in the world."

"Like every great champion Liverpool has to put up with people waiting for it to fall but it just keeps going."

"I used to say back in England that Liverpool had become boring. You knew that at the end of the season it would have won a major trophy."

The highlight of Whittle's career at Everton was winning the English First Division championship in the 1969-70 season.

"We did it with style, in fact I think we got 65 points that season."

It's not all a hard grind in the world of professional football. The players know how to enjoy themselves and they have a good few laughs.

One of the standing jokes during Whittle's Everton career concerned the little



Alan Whittle — star recruit of Preston Makedonia.

black taxi which would appear to take the manager to see the club chairman John Moores. It came to symbolise a manager being sacked.

"Johnny Carey was the first manager to go for a ride in the black taxi."

"He got into that car and I don't think he ever was seen again," Whittle quipped.

Bert Head at Crystal Palace made enquiries about Whittle which culminated in his move to the struggling London club in December 1973 for \$200,000.

It was worlds apart from the professionalism at Everton.

"Palace was a mickey mouse club at times. It really opened my eyes."

The facilities weren't a patch on what we had at Everton and things were run differently."

"Even the balls were bad. In fact some of the players got together to try to get better balls supplied by the club."

"Palace was more of a family club. It was homely and wasn't run on a businesslike, professional basis then."

Whittle moved to Leyton Orient for a year in 1977.

He couldn't come to terms with Orient over a new contract and a phone call from a solicitor acting on behalf of a Middle East contact found Whittle flying to Iran to play with Persepolis.

"When I first arrived and was staying in an hotel I found it difficult to come to terms with Iranians suddenly dropping down into a kneeling position and praying to Mecca. This could happen anywhere, anytime, as long as they prayed twice daily."

"I had been used to that sort of thing being private."

"When the guns appeared and the trouble started I got out as quickly as I could."

Out meant returning to England where he still was a registered Orient player.

He played with Orient for a year and a half, then played about a dozen games with Fourth Division club Bourne-mouth before being contacted and eventually signed to come here to play with Preston Makedonia.

Name players like Whittle could become a regular part of the Australian scene.

Many top clubs in England are suffering from serious financial troubles. They are reacting by cutting down their squad and players made redundant often will become free to seek their fortunes elsewhere.

Whittle is particularly disturbed by the transfer fee explosion which has seen players switch clubs for well over \$2 million.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Martin Kever, 9, five goals. Robert Volpato, 7, Glen Patterson, 9, four goals. Michael Stuart, 9, four goals. Jonathan Telfer, 9, Michael Joy, 8, Richard Bivey, 7, six goals. Riko Kodala, 7, five goals. Simon Lynch, 7, six goals. Nathan Ashley, 6, Alex Johnson, 6, David Walsman, 6 (All Saints, Hunter's Hill), Nino Nialle, 10, The Sakas, 10 (Nunawading City).

Damian Phillips, 12, Greg Little, 12 (Mooroolbark), Alan Nicholls, 10 (Mooroolbark), John Anastasiadis, 16, four goals (Meadow Park).

Malcolm Allison: dangerous man with money.

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	Morning	1pm-3pm	3pm-5pm	5pm-9pm
Monday		Admin/PR	Schools	Youth
Tuesday		Admin/PR	Schools	First Team
Wednesday		Admin/PR	Schools	Youth
Thursday		Admin/PR	Schools	First Team
Friday	Free	or match preparation		
Saturday	Match	day commitments - player/coach		
Sunday	Free	or watch games		

"The inflationary spiral of transfers has gone through the roof in England."

"You just can't pay millions of pounds for a player all the time."

"Brian Clough and Nottingham Forest are getting away with it but it puts pressure on other clubs to compete at a staggering level."

Whittle sees Malcolm Allison's wheeling and dealing in the big money market as an example of what clubs can get into if the buys are not successful.

"Malcolm with money is a dangerous man. Malcolm with a football team and as a coach is one of the best in the world."

"To be honest, some of his valuations of players was potty. Coaching was his forte."

Many huge transfers are on a hire purchase basis, with a deposit as a down payment and the remainder paid off in instalments.

"I couldn't believe that clubs could say that they couldn't afford to pay players' wages and at the same time they would sign guys for huge amounts. That's when I found out about the hire purchase arrangement. It even got to the stage where players would go to other clubs while the club they left still owed money for them."

But that's the least of Whittle's worries. He's signed a two-year contract with Preston Makedonia and his first consideration is to play well for his new club.

"I've come here with a bit of a reputation and I don't want to blemish it."

"I've been here for only a few days and I'm still finding my feet."

"But once the football falls into place everything else will follow."

There's an honest, down-to-earth outlook about Alan Whittle which I like.

If he leaves Australia I'm sure his reputation won't be blemished. Quite the opposite.

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Jasarevic shuns J.U.S.T.

Ead Jasarevic has decided to join Turkish club Fenerbahce instead of Footscray J.U.S.T.

The reason's simple. He's getting \$50,000 in Turkey, while he would have received a signing-on fee of about \$6000 at J.U.S.T.

Jasarevic, 23, played for Sloboda Tuzla in Yugoslavia before joining Fenerbahce the first time.

Turkey then introduced restrictions on the number of foreigners allowed at each club, so he went back home to play for Nepradok.

The restrictions were lifted again after he had his talks with J.U.S.T., so now he's back in Turkey.

Meanwhile, Zdravko Lujic is expected to return from Yugoslavia in the first week of May and OFK Belgrade captain Ilija Potkovic is expected within two or three weeks for his guest stint — LAURIE SCHWAB.

WHITTLE WITH KIDS

Preston Makedonia's star recruit Alan Whittle will be one of the coaches at clinics to be run for junior players during the school holidays.

The other coaches are Peter Orlerton, top scorer in the Phillips League; John Kennedy, assistant coach of Makedonia; and Harry McKinlay of George Cross.

The clinics will be at Mooroolbark's ground on May 11, 12 and 13; and at Ferntree Gully's ground on May 18, 19, and 20.

More information is available from Peter Orlerton (723 1001) or John Kennedy (232 1727).

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The "Soccer Action" hat-trick diploma is available to any junior player who scores three or more goals in any league, Cup, interstate, or official school match. Friendly games do not count.

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

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PHILIPS LEAGUE STANDINGS

Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

		HOME					AWAY						
		W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	Gls	Pts
1	(1) Sth Melb Hellas.....	5	0	0	7	1	1	3	0	7	6	14:7	15
2	(2) *Canberra City.....	3	1	1	10	3	2	2	1	4	3	14:5	13
3	(5) *Brisbane City.....	4	1	0	9	2	1	2	2	2	7	11:9	13
4	(3) *Wollongong.....	2	3	0	9	6	1	3	1	5	3	14:9	12
5	(4) Sydney City.....	3	2	0	9	2	1	1	2	3	5	12:7	11
6	(6) *Marconi Datsun.....	3	1	1	6	4	2	0	3	3	9	9:13	11
7	(7) Adelaide City.....	3	0	2	10	6	1	2	1	7	5	17:11	10
8	(8) *Newcastle KB.....	2	2	1	9	4	2	0	3	4	8	13:12	10
9	(9) APIA L'hardi.....	1	3	0	5	4	2	1	2	6	7	11:11	10
10	(11) *Brisbane Lions.....	3	1	1	5	3	0	3	2	5	7	10:10	10
11	(10) *Preston Makedonia.....	3	0	2	11	6	1	1	3	6	9	17:17	9
12	(12) *Sydney Olympic.....	3	0	2	12	6	0	0	5	3	12	15:18	8
13	(13) *Heidelberg Utd.....	2	1	2	6	7	0	1	4	5	11	11:18	6
14	(14) Blacktown.....	0	2	2	5	10	1	2	2	6	8	11:18	6
15	(15) West Adelaide.....	1	1	2	3	3	1	0	4	4	8	7:11	5
16	(16) *Footscray JUST.....	2	1	2	6	6	0	0	5	1	15	7:21	5

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PHILIPS LEAGUE TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

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ONTONG (4) RATCHLIFE (1) HERMISTON (3) WILLIAMS (1)
(Brisb Lions) (Brisb. City) (Brisb Lions) (Canberra)

McBREEN (2) SENKALSKI (2) TREDINNICK (4)
(Wollongong) (Newcastle) (Wollongong)

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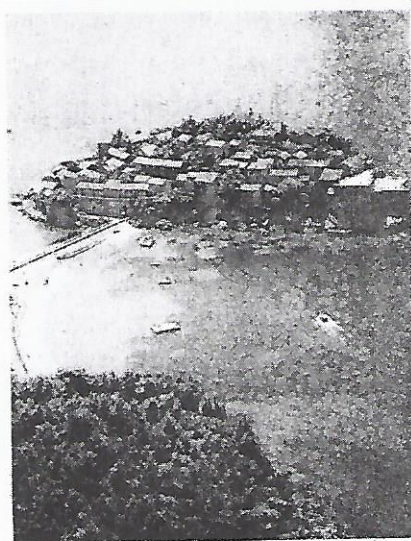
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Day 10 Wednesday — MOSTAR/SARAJEVO.

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THIS WEEK'S VOTES

NEWCASTLE 0 BRISBANE CITY 2 (Ratchlife, Kelson) at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni: 6. Ratchlife (BC), 5. Dunne (BC), 4. Senkalski (N), 3. Gaffney (BC), 2. Jones (N), 1. Palinkas (BC).
BRISBANE LIONS 1 (Millman) CANBERRA CITY 0 at Richlands. Votes by Bruce Weddell: 6. Millman (BL), 5. Hermiston (BL), 4. Williams (Can), 3. Ontong (BL), 2. Bennett (BL), 1. Brennan (Can).
WOLLONGONG 2 (Flaming, Fontana) PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Ollerton, Little) at Wollongong Showgrounds. Votes by Knut Werner: 6. McBreen (W), 5. Tredinnick (W), 4. Dunleavy (W), 3. Whittle (Mak), 2. Cullen (Mak), 1. Adam (W).
Leaders:
37. Hermiston (BL).
33. Kosmina (SC), Ollerton (Mak), Brown (Mak).
32. Ontong (BL).
31. T. Byrne (Can).
30. Evans (SM).
27. Katholos (SO).
26. Mitchell (AC).

25. de Graaf (Woll).
24. Bennett (BL), Cullen (Mak).
22. Ilieski (JUST), Boland (JUST), Bartogus (Newc).
21. Dunleavy (Woll), P. O'Connor (APIA).
20. Boden (SC), C. Campbell (Woll), P. Wilkinson (BC).
19. Maher (Mar).
18. G. Byrne (Mar), Henderson (Mar), Tymczyzn (WA).
17. Russell (AC), Adam (Woll), Wilson (APIA), Coe, june (BC).
Top scorers:
7. Ollerton (Mak).
6. Boden (SC).
5. P. O'Connor (APIA).
4. Valeri, Gibson (Can), Evans (SM), Koussas (SO), J. Nyakohus, Mitchell (AC), Sharne (Mar).
3. Millman (BL), Cullen, Brown (Mak), Christopoulos (SM), Cotton (SO), Russell (AC), Hamilton, P. Wilkinson (BC), Cuk (Black), Paton (H'berg).

Newcastle upset, Olympic too strong, Cole on target?

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Adelaide city can overcome Ken Morton's Wollongong and continue its drive up the PSL ladder as the proud flag-bearer of South Australian soccer.

I think that Bob D'Ottavio's charges will beat Ken Morton's side at Olympic Sports Field on Sunday.

"Soccer Action" editor Laurie Schwab disagrees. "Wollongong went close to beating South Melbourne Hellas two weeks ago and is one of the best sides in the League," he said.

"With the inclusion of Colin Russell, leading scorer in the reserves of top English club Liverpool, Wollongong will get even stronger."

Rubbish! Blacktown coach Rale Rasic had nothing but praise for Adelaide City after it had completely outplayed Blacktown and left Gabbie Stadium with a 5-1 win three weeks ago.

I think Adelaide City is a certainty for top four honours and will prove it on Sunday with a win against Wollongong.

Sydney Olympic and Footscray J.U.S.T. are in the bottom half of the table but Olympic is a far superior footballing side and will pick up two points against J.U.S.T. at Pratten Park on Sunday. It'll be like taking candy from a baby.

"Rubbish," said Schwab. "Forget about the Canberra debacle. Canberra scored in the first minute and J.U.S.T. lost Kiri Kyriakoulas in the first half through injury."

"Olympic's all-out attacking style, especially at home, will suit J.U.S.T. which relies on fast breaks."

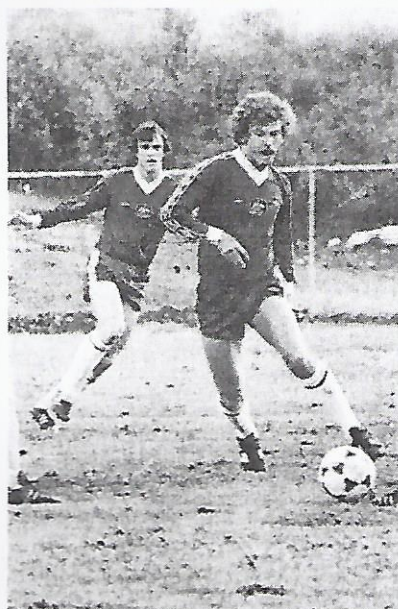
"J.U.S.T. will get a point from Olympic," Schwab added.

Sydney city is too classy for Newcastle and will convincingly defeat Alan Vest's inconsistent side at Sydney Athletic Field on Sunday.

The Slickers, spearheaded by three Australian internationals, will run the Newcastle defence ragged.

"But experience has shown that after a World Cup game players rarely do well in their next league match," said Schwab referring to Kosmina, Boden and Barnes who played for Australia against NZ last Saturday.

"It is inconsistent with Alan Vest's leadership for his side to have a losing run of more than two or three games and he is sure



• Three players as important to Australia as they are to their clubs. Top: David Mitchell of Adelaide City; above: Peter Raskopoulos (right) of Olympic and David Watt (left) of APIA. All members of the national youth squad, they were photographed by LES SHORROCK during a tournament in Israel.

to instill renewed confidence in his team, resulting in a major upset which will leave Hakoah's (there he goes again with the ethnic line, folks) championship aspirations temporarily in tatters."

Heidelberg will pound West Adelaide into the Olympic Park turf on Sunday.

Gary Cole will run amok

and the West central defence will end the game shell-shocked.

"Look Craig, forget your Victorian prejudices, how about acknowledging the extraordinary qualities of Vic Bozanic, Peter Boyle, Neil McGachey and Manecas and the fearsome

This weekend's PSL games with likely winners and previous results:

IN SYDNEY

SYDNEY CITY V Newcastle at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 - SC 4-1, 1-0. 1979 - SC 2-0, 1-0. 1980 - SC 3-0, 2-0. Advantage Sydney City 6 wins. Goals: 13:1.

Marconi V Brisbane Lions (draw) at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - BL 1-0, 1-1. 1978 - Marc 3-0, 3-1. 1979 - Marc 4-0, BL 1-0. 1980 - Marc 2-1, 0-0. Advantage Marconi 4 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 13:5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC V Footscray J.U.S.T. at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: Fools 1-0, 0-0. 1978 - SO 3-2, 1-1. 1979 - SO 2-0, 1-0. Advantage Sydney Olympic 3 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 7:4.

IN MELBOURNE

PRESTON MAKEDONIA V South Melbourne Hellas at Connor Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.

HEIDELBERG V West Adelaide at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 - 1-1, 0-0. 1978 - WA 3-2, 1-1. 1979 - Heid 3-1, WA 1-0. 1980 - Heid 4-2 WA 1-0. Advantage West Adelaide 3 wins, 3 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 10:11.

IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA V Blacktown at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 - Black 1-0, 1-0.

IN BRISBANE

Brisbane City V APIA Leichhardt (draw) at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 - BC 2-0, 2-1. 1980 - APIA 2-1, BC 1-0.

IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY V Wollongong at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm.

aggression of Graham "The Enforcer" Norris?" said Schwab.

Okay, I acknowledge that. Now which side will win?

"Heidelberg!"

Good, now that's settled, what about the Marconi-Brisbane Lions match at Marconi Stadium on Sunday? I think the Lions are exceptionally well organised at the back and the way some of the Marconi "superstars" are playing I can't see them getting past Jim Hermonston, Col Bennett and Co.

"Let's not forget that Houssein Housseini and Jim Muir will be back after suspension and Joe Piccione is getting into top gear. But you're right," said Schwab.

"After last week's World Cup match I don't think that the Marconi Socceros will have enough left to break down the Hermonston-Bennett partnership."

Brisbane City is on a hiding to nothing against APIA's strikers Sebastian Giampardo, Tony Morsello and Phil O'Connor.

Peter Wilson and Mark Pullen are too solid for the City front line and I expect Willie Wallace to have a couple of celebratory drinks after this match at Spencer Park on Sunday.

"Right on," Schwab added.

TOAL FOR CROSS

Striker Bobby Toal and stopper Paul Drinoczky tried out with Victorian State League club George Cross last week in a trial match against Second Division club Springvale.

Toal has experience in the New Zealand national league and has played for Provisional First Division club Geelong this season.

George Cross is likely to sign Toal this week.

Drinoczky had another trial last Monday night against the Victorian youth team.

"Drinoczky has some qualities which are important in the make-up of a good player," said Cross coach Jim Adam.

"He's got height, a fairly strong build and he tries to play soccer. He's not just a cumbersome type of centre-half."

"But he also has developed some bad habits. He doesn't get up high enough and lacks aggression under pressure."

"He also lacks vision and as a centre-half he's not as commanding as he should be."

"And of course he's only 20 and lacks experience. At that age it's vitally important that he is handled by a professional coach."

There's \$2500 on Drinoczky's head. Toal was impressive against Springvale. He shields the ball well, is keen to take on the responsibility of running at opponents and should be a major asset to the Cross up front.

"Toal isn't fit but strikes the ball well and can beat a player," said Adam.

"He comes from Liverpool, an area in which most players are cheeky and aggressive, qualities I admire. I think he could be of use to us," he added.



Croatia coach Len McKendry impresses a point upon his charges during training.

Len's dilemma

Len McKendry (pictured) has served his four week stint as coach of Victorian State League club Croatia and his future with the club is in the balance.

I believe that the political situation at committee level is making McKendry's decision to stay or go an almost impossible task.

McKendry has built a coaching career around taking on world class opposition from overseas during his stint as Victorian coach. The sort of competition which McKendry has excelled against obviously isn't available at State League level.

He is widely recognised as a player's coach and it is his commitment to Croatia players who have been so loyal to him in the state team which makes his decision so difficult.

Should the two factions vying for committee supremacy at Croatia resolve their situation soon and McKendry is given a firm undertaking of the club's commitment to mount a strong campaign for inclusion in next year's PSL I think that he could be swayed into taking the coaching post on a more permanent basis.

His task so far has been a major challenge — to work against the clock to re-organise the playing style in the light of the confusion and disorganisation which many players felt after John Gardiner's departure to Green Gully Ajax and Rocco Iile's short lived coaching term.

When Croatia beat Sunshine 3-1 two weeks ago, McKendry was pleased with the definite pattern of play which emerged as his charges went forward but his final decision on the coaching job is unlikely to be resolved within the week.

McKendry and Croatia are remaining tight-lipped. — CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Because only three matches were played, there is no goalkeeper of the week this week.

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Tasmanian report
by JOHN TAYLOR

JUVENTUS MAN OFF — AGAIN!

West Point Rapid were unlucky to lose their first round Phillips cup match in Newcastle last week. The match against Weston in Newcastle which was decided in extra time prompted Sydney Olympic manager Tommy Docherty whose side played in the next game, to say: "Rapid are one of the most disciplined sides I've seen. I thought they deserved to win."

After the game Rapid were then stranded in Sydney for two days due to the transport strike and didn't arrive back in Hobart until Saturday morning only three hours before their league match against Burnie United but Rapid, although suffering from jet lag, had no problems against the Northern side and beat them 7-0 with a hat-trick by Mark Oakes being a feature of the game.

In the match of the day Brighton (CL) beat Hobart Juventus 2-1. Juventus, suffering badly from injuries and suspensions, had their backs to the wall for most of the game but in one of their few attacks in the first half, Dimartino was brought down just inside the box and Eric Young scored the equaliser.

Brighton hit back after only two minutes of the second half when Kevin Swincoe scored his first goal and 15 minutes later Billy Kirkpatrick put Juventus, who were now down to 10 men, 2-1 behind.

Dimartino was sent off midway through the second half for serious foul play. He had previously been warned four times, then booked.

This was the third time in four games that Juventus had finished with 10 men. It beats me why these players cannot follow the tremendous example set by coaches Eric Young and Peter Brine.

Young, who is probably the best player in the league, gave another brilliant display and together with Brine, they showed the way football should be played.

Dimartino, who let his coaches, team-mates and the many Juventus supporters down in the 54th minute, was aided by a young player playing his first and probably last first team game.

The player, Robert Kent, whose only influence on the game was to make the other 21 players and referee Norm Johnson, who had a very good match, wish that they had invested in a set of ear muffs, emitted a constant stream of rubbish throughout the game.

I'm sure that Brine and Young will have plenty to say to their players this week at training.

In other matches George Town lost a point to Devonport in a tough Northern derby.

The game finished 1-1, with Farrell scoring for George Town and Smith for Devonport.

Croatia beat South Hobart 3-1 in an uninspiring match, and Launceston Juventus beat Ulverstone 2-1 to keep their unbeaten record and are only one point behind Brighton.

Next week's big match is a Northern derby between Launceston Juventus and George Town as these clubs are placed second and third on the league table.

I think that with the home advantage of a rather suspect pitch George Town will win.

The league table after five games played looks like this:

	B	G	T	S	H	R	P	W	L	D	P
Brighton	5	5	0	14	2	10	4	2	3	0	10
L. Juventus	5	4	0	11	4	9	4	2	3	0	10
George Town	5	3	1	14	3	7	4	1	2	2	8
H. Juventus	5	3	2	0	11	5	4	0	4	1	5
Ulverstone	5	2	2	1	4	7	3	0	5	0	2



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LIONS SIGN LATCHFORD

Bob Latchford, the Everton captain and former England striker has been signed by Brisbane Lions for six Phillips Soccer matches.

His first appearance for the club will be against Footscray J.U.S.T. at Richlands Stadium on May 24.

"Four of his six games with us will be played at home. In addition he will travel for matches at Newcastle on June 7 and Wollongong on June 21," Lions' director Paul Templeton said.

Latchford recently returned to the Everton lineup after overcoming a severe injury.

He has now had five games back in English First Division football.

Apart from his 12 national team appearances, Latchford netted 68 league goals for Birmingham City before turning to Everton, where his tally exceeds 100 goals.

Brisbane Lions had initially lined up Arsenal striker Alan Sunderland for their guest spot.

However, Gunners manager Terry Neill would not release him, and Lions had Latchford available as their alternative choice.

At least three other guest players of high quality have been secured by Phillips League clubs for limited appearances in Australia.

Blacktown City coach Rale Rasic beat Adelaide City to the punch by securing Norwich City's leading scorer Justin Fashanu.

Fashanu, who guested with Adelaide City in 1980, is estimated to be worth up to four million dollars if he leaves Norwich.

Footscray J.U.S.T. has chosen former Yugoslav international Bilja Petrovski in a bid to lift it off the bottom of the table.

And Wollongong City is currently finalising details with former Scottish captain Archie Gemmill for four guest appearances from July 9.

Wollongong coach Ken Morton said: "We will be delighted to have Gemmill, particularly as we found that his financial terms were very fair."

"He is one of the best grafters in the game and is, absolutely unbeatable for honest effort."



Olympic, Weston through in Cup

Sydney Olympic beat Northern Federation team in an entertaining first round Phillips Cup match at Manawara Field, Newcastle, last week.

Olympic always looked the better side but failed to convert many chances in both halves.

Olympic coach Tommy Docherty said after the match: "You don't get anything for hitting the post."

The Eagles never stopped trying and Peter Kemp's cross that equalised in the 62nd minute brought the crowd of about 2000 to its feet.

One of the busiest men on the park was Edgeworth goalkeeper Fred Musilik, who made a number of brave saves.

Docherty rated Olympic's Peter Raskopoulos and Jim Zeros, as the stars.

Certainly they dazzled the Eagles with their speed and footwork and Raskopoulos scored the winning goal three minutes from full time.

The first goal of the match came in the 55th minute when Olympian Michael Cross was on the spot to slam home the ball from close range.

In the early Phillips Cup match Weston defeated West Point 1-0 after stopper Dave Miller scored with a left foot shot in the fifth minute of extra time.

The goal resulted from a corner kick by Nigel Debenham who went on as a substitute in extra time.

Kuwait beat Thailand 6-0 (halftime 4-0) on their World Cup Asian group three qualifying tournament in Kuwait.

Scorers: Abdulaziz Anbari (2), Jassim Yacoub, Fathi Kameel, Mohammed, Karam, Faisal, Dakheel.

In an earlier game South Korea beat Malaysia 2-1 (halftime 1-1) in the same Group Three tournament.

Scorers: South Korea: Hong Sung Ho (30th minute), Jung Hae Wong (85th).

Malaysia: James Wong (6th).

Coaching clinics

John Kalinech, coach of Victorian club Broadmeadows, will hold soccer clinics for boys at Broadmeadows ground from May 11 to 15.

More information can be obtained from him on 480 4088 (work) or 485 2402 (home).

WHITTLE LOOKS GOOD—IN 2-2 DRAW



**Wollongong 2
Makedonia 2**

Goals: Wall: Fleming, Fontana; Mak: Ollerton, Little.

Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.

Crowd: 6930.

Referee: Rennie 7.

Sent off: Petrovski (Mak) 80th.

Weather: Fine.

WOLLONGONG: Vardareff

Millman fires, Bennett is ripe for 'Roos

**Brisbane Lions 1
Canberra 0**

Scorer: Richmond 32nd

Ground — Millman

Weather — Fine.

Crowd — About 1,300.

Referee — D. Nugent 8.

Cautions — Brennan (CL),

BRISBANE LIONS — Scan-

lan 7, Lownds 62nd, Ontong

8, Hermiston 8, Bennett 8,

Niven 7, Lindsay 6, Hogg 6,

McLean 7, Bryce 5, (Kon-

stantinou 73rd, Millman 9, Par-

ris 7.

CANBERRA CITY — Hos-

zowski 7, M. O'Shea 6, Star-

7, Byrne 7 (Inj 85th) Williams

8, J. O'Shea 6, R. O'Shea 6

(Purdie 7, 45th), Farrer 7,

(Massa 66th), McLaren 6,

Brennan 7, Gibson 6.

Effervescent Ronnie Mil-

lman chalked up his third goal

in successive matches to lead

Brisbane Lions to this hearty

1-0 win over second place Can-

berra City.

Millman had a slow start to

the season and coach Matt

Carson warned before this

game: "Watch out for Ronnie,

he's now firing on all

cylinders."

And fire he did. Millman

was almost dropping from ex-

haustion at the end of this

thrilling 90 minutes, which

owed constantly by his com-

mitment to bull-

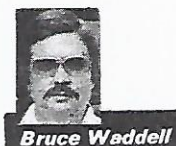
dogging work up front and his

ability to help out at the back.

Canberra came to Brisbane

fresh from a 5-0 hammering of

Footscray in the previous



BRUCE WADDELL

MATCH RATING: 8

back, who was always a border-

line selection in this team

as a forward, is now one of the

country's most reliable de-

fenders.

Lions' goal came in the 32nd

minute. A great through ball

from Bobby Ferris, a much

improved player, sent Mil-

lman into the clear and he

made no mistake from about

15 metres out.

Canberra was denied the

equaliser right on half time

when a shot which took a de-

flection had Tony Scanlan

beaten, but Ontong appeared

from nowhere to head off the

line.

Canberra replaced Robert

O'Shea with Ian Purdie at half

IS KB KO?

**Newcastle KB 0
Brisbane C. 2**

Goals: Ratcliffe 46th, Kelso

54th.

Venue: International Sports

Centre.

Crowd: 4569.

Referee: Boskovic 8.

Cautions: Palinks (BC)

Mountford (N), Kelso (BC).

NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 (in-

jured, sub. Gosling 7, 55th).

Ronan 7, Bortogna 7, Drink-

water 8, H. Tredinnick 8.

Mason 6, Senkalski 8, Jones 8

— Kamaz 7 (Hevs 70th).

Mountford 7, Stamp 6.

BRISBANE CITY: Coe 7

Caldwell 7, Ratcliffe 8, Dunne

8, Wilkinson 7 — Gaffney

6, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 7

— Palinks 8, P. Wilkinson 7,

Kelso 7 (Conner 81st).

Despite high expectations

pre-season, it no longer seems

likely that Newcastle will

figure in the championship

battle.

Its striking power is too

limited and now even the back



JOE LANZONI

MATCH RATING: 6

bane City. He has skill and he's

a crowd pleaser, but he's slow

and his work rate is not high

enough. The other struggle

was Craig Mason in midfield.

There were some good per-

formances, most notably that

of sweeper Jimmy Dunne,

stopper Dave Ratcliffe, mid-

fielders Larry Gaffney and

Frank Pimblett and winger

Joe Palinks.

Coe, Senkalski was the only

player trying to get Newcastle

moving in midfield, while

David Jones worked hard on

the flank and Roy Drinkwater

was solid at the back.

Brisbane City went to the

lead during injury time of the

first half, when Ratcliffe

headed in a Pimblett free kick

from the right.

For the second goal, Pa-

links found room on the right

and his high cross into the sun

worried goalkeeper Phil

Dando. He misjudged it and

was back-peddling to tap it

away as Barry Kelso moved in

to score, and as Dando collided

with the post. He had to be re-

placed and later needed five

stitches to a cut above the eye.

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Sydney Olympic's colorful coach Tommy Docherty started as a hard-tackling, tenacious midfielder, making his playing debut for Glasgow Celtic in 1949, but failing to complete a single season with Celtic before moving south to join Preston North End.

The young Scot played an important role in Preston's Second Division championship success of 1950-51, and subsequent consolidation of its status among the elite of English soccer.

Despite playing alongside one of the legendary greats of English soccer, Tom Finney, Docherty found major honors frustratingly elusive at Preston.

Tied at the top of the First Division with Arsenal at the end of the 1952-53 campaign, the Lancashire club was thwarted under the old goal-average system from claiming the title.

A year later Preston was narrowly defeated by West Bromwich Albion in the F.A. Cup final.

Docherty stayed with the "Lilywhites" for nine years, to date the longest term of employment he has enjoyed with any organisation in any capacity, before playing out the twilight of his career with Arsenal.

Frist capped by Scotland against Wales in 1951, the chunky, robust half back, as his position was known in those days, made 22 appearances for his country, including an unhappy 1954 World Cup campaign during which the Caledonians were thrashed 7-0 by Uruguay, their most comprehensive reverse yet.

After hanging up his boots late in the 1961-62 term, Docherty stepped straight into management, taking over a Chelsea team already destined for relegation from the First Division.

Popularly nick-named "The Pensioners", Chelsea was a long-standing local joke, being perpetually in the shadow of London's traditional football giants Arsenal and Tottenham Hotspur.

Under the new boss however the Stamford Bridge Club enjoyed a remarkable transformation. Taking the Second Division by storm, it had built up a huge lead until the worst winter of the century necessitated an unscheduled break.

Upon re-commencement two months later, Chelsea suffered a dramatic decline and was overhauled by Stoke City. Only a sensational 7-0 win over Portsmouth in the last game of the season salvaged the second, and last, promotion spot.

For much of the 1963-64 season it appeared that the Docherty-inspired Chelsea would capture the First Division title for only the second time in its history.

All hopes collapsed though after three star players were suspended by their boss after being caught in a match-eve drinking bout.

Like all managers at Chelsea, the Scot had discovered the difficulties of maintaining discipline at a club set amidst Mayfair and the King's Road where young footballers have to have an abundance of temptations.

He was never really able to come to grips with the problem. The West Londoners always appeared on the threshold of greatness, only to lack consistency.

A 2-1 defeat by Tottenham in the 1967 F.A. Cup final proved to be the nearest Docherty's Chelsea got to a major honor. It was also his swan song with the club for within a few months the two agreed to go their separate ways.

There is a vast difference between fashionable London S.W.6 and dark, satanic Millmoo, home of Rotherham United set amidst bleakness in the South Yorkshire, but this was to be Docherty's next port of call.

United, anchored at the bottom of the Second Division,

called upon Docherty to perform a miracle with his young team and save it from relegation.

Results did improve immediately, but not sufficiently to save the "Millers" from the big drop and within five months their manager had returned to London, this time in order to take the helm at Queen's Park Rangers, suffering a disastrous debut season in the First Division.

Docherty's initial stint with Rangers lasted just 28 days before a row between him and chairman Jim Gregory led to a parting of ways. Consequently he had to take a small portion of the blame for Rangers' abysmal performance in which they accumulated a mere 18 points from 42 games, equalling the lowest in league annals.

The state of unemployment was temporary and the famous Birmingham club Aston Villa, enduring the worst period in its illustrious history, looked confidently to him to lead it from the unaccustomed wilderness of Second Division football.

This he promptly did, but instead of finding itself regaining its rightful First Division status, Villa plummeted into the Third.

Although few managers could have worked harder to divert the fortune of a complacent and stagnating club, dismissal was inevitable.

With his career now at its lowest ebb, job offers were few and far between. Consequently a contract with Portuguese club Oporto was gratefully accepted.

Despite being unable to break the stranglehold imposed by Lisbon giants Benfica and Sporting, Docherty regained the respect of the soccer world for a thorough and workmanlike job at Oporto.

A lucrative future on the Continent looked likely until midway through the 1971-72 season when he was surprisingly recalled to the ranks of British soccer in the capacity of Scottish national team manager.

Docherty set about his task of restoring pride to Scottish soccer with energy and enthusiasm.

Results duly improved, despite a welter of criticism from both Press and establishment. Docherty was accused of choosing too many Anglo-Scots (Scottish players with English clubs) and too few from Glasgow Rangers.

Catholic Docherty found it difficult to bid his dislike for Rangers, long the symbol of Protestant bigotry.

During the course of one Press conference he congratulated Rangers on the standard of their pitch, before quickly adding that it was no doubt due to the manure put on every match day. Docherty however did not use the word manure.

There were mixed feelings within the Scottish F.A. therefore, when it's team manager accepted the most prized job in British football — the management of Manchester United.

The Manchester United Docherty took over three days before Christmas 1972 was a club in turmoil. Since the retirement of the legendary Sir Matt Busby three years earlier, it had suffered a series of disasters and now the unthinkable — relegation — loomed as a distinct possibility.

United's ageing line-up was savagely discarded and replaced by expensive signings, many of them from Docherty's Scottish side.

Slowly they clawed their way clear of the relegation zone but demolition was merely delayed and the following season the famous "Red Devils" plunged into the Second Division.

Although supporters bayed for blood, United's directors, showing uncharacteristic patience, persevered with their appointee, a decision for which they were quickly rewarded.

The Manchester club bounced out of the Second Division at the first attempt with a well-balanced team playing flowing, entertaining soccer. On an off-season tour it beat Australia 4-0 in Sydney.

Back to the premier grade, United not only gained a position in the top three, but also reached the F.A. Cup final. A shock 1-0 loss to Second Division Southampton was a stunning blow to all within the club, particularly Docherty for whom this was his seventh appearance at Wembley in the role of player or manager, without yet being on the winning side.

His turn finally came the following year as United gained a merited 2-1 win over Liverpool in the 1977 F.A. Cup final, thereby depriving the Merseysiders of a League-Cup double.

The likeable Scot could perhaps be forgiven for believing he was at the pinnacle of soccer management, with the likelihood of a long and honor-strewn career in the service of one of the world's great clubs. But fate was to decree otherwise.

After a much-publicised affair, during which he abandoned his wife for the spouse of club physiotherapist Laurie Brown, Docherty was dismissed for what United termed a "breach of contract", this a mere three months after the Wembley triumph.

The club's action was no doubt prompted by the manner in which the club's good name had been besmirched by George Best a few years earlier. United simply could not tolerate further scandal.

With such a fine track record at Old Trafford, "The Boss" and United's mass following had dubbed their manager, was, not surprisingly, inundated with job offers. He chose Derby County.

Second from the bottom of the First Division, just two years after being champion Derby was anxious for the Doc's medicine to produce a miraculous cure.

Relegation was successfully avoided, but the Derby board and fans demanded much, much more. During his 18 months at the Baseball Ground, Docherty called upon no fewer than 45 players in an endeavour to stumble across a winning combination.

Troubles were not confined to the playing paddock. In an interview on commercial television, Manchester United player Willie Morgan cast allegations at the conduct of his former boss. Docherty promptly sued for libel.

During the second day of the court case he admitted lying under oath in respect of a remark made about United stalwart Dennis Law and was faced not only with costs of \$60,000 but also the prospect of a perjury charge.

Throughout his troubles Docherty retained a sharp wit. During one particularly bleak period he described Derby as being "on the crest of a slump." Later he was to reveal his multi-job career by

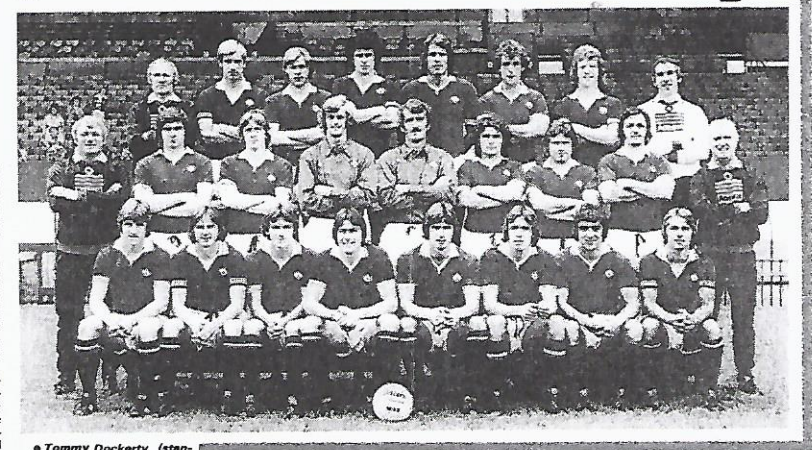
stating he'd had more clubs than Jack Nicholson!

The completion of the 1978-79 campaign, Docherty's second at Derby, saw the club just a single place clear of the dreaded plunge.

Queen's Park Rangers finished one niche lower, but they were regarded as a better long-term prospect and the Scot, responding to overtures by Jim Gregory, returned to Shepherd's Bush.

The personnel inherited appears far too strong for Second Division football, containing no fewer than 10 internationals at various levels.

Unable to form a cohesive unit, QPR failed to mount a serious promotion challenge and finished a disappointing 5th.



• Tommy Docherty (standing, left), with Manchester United, back row (left to right): Frank Blunstone (assistant manager), Colin Waldron, Brian Greenhoff, Steve Patterson, Jim Holton, Stewart Houston, Jimmy Nicholl, Lawrie Brown (physio), Middle row: Tommy Docherty (manager), Alan Faggan, Gerry Daly, Paddy Roche, Alex Stepney, Arthur Albiston, Tommy Jackson, Alex Forsyth, Tommy Cavanagh (goalie), Front row: Gordon Hill, David McCree, Steve Coppell, Stuart Pearson, Martin Buchan, Sammy McIlroy, Lou Macari, Roy Storey.

No doubt Docherty's attention was diverted by the dark clouds forming over his private life. Not only was the perjury case looming, but police were also investigating Derby County's books, researching his transfer dealings under the obscure Prevention of Corruption Act.

Already reviled in the British press, Docherty hardly endeared himself to his fellow managers by stating it was possible to survive in the profession only by lying and cheating.

The success-hungry Gregory first tried to dismiss the man who was becoming a consistent source of embarrassment to his club in May 1980, only for irate QPR fans to stage a protest demonstration forcing a rapid re-instatement.

It proved to be a mere stay of execution though and a month later the two parties parted by mutual consent.

Docherty thus finds himself in Sydney attempting to resurrect a career that has experienced more ups and downs than a San Francisco tram.

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Hakoah's committee should resign: Bunce

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Fred Bunce opened up in an exclusive "Soccer Action" interview just four days after Victorian State League Club Hakoah had replaced him with his assistant Bill Allison.

Bunce slammed the Hakoah committee.

Chairman John Chaskiel rang me last week and said he had some bad news for me," said Bunce.

"He wanted me to resign because it would look better that way but he made it clear that if I didn't resign I would be sacked. He said he had fought hard with the committee to keep me but the other committee members wouldn't budge."

Bunce joined Hakoah as assistant coach in April last year and after an eight-game stint of looking after the team he took over from Allison, then first team coach, who did a lateral arabesque into the Direct-

or of Coaching job with Hakoah.

Bunce said Hakoah needed sponsors to survive and the club would struggle to attract sponsors as long as it was at the lower rungs of the league ladder.

He told me the players weren't playing anywhere near their best but he was confident there were enough good players at the club to get out of its present predicament.

"Right now I feel I have been conned," said Bunce.

"And I think the committee was wrong to reinstate Allison after it removed him from the first team coaching job last year."

"I think the committee should resign."

Bunce said the Press embargo placed by Hakoah on its coaches after he was lifted became 24 hours after his departure, new coach Allison was quoted in the Melbo-

urne "Sun" by soccer writer Peter Desira.

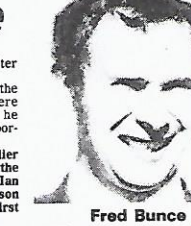
He said that although the committee didn't interfere with team selection, he claimed it never really supported him to the hilt.

He pointed out that earlier this year he was told by the committee not to pick Ian McNeil, Gerry Edmondson and Les Thomson for the first team.

"I was told not to select them because of their attitude concerning match payments for this year's Ampol and Phillips Cup matches," said Bunce.

"I was told that when they were left out of the side they were asked for transfers, the club could put a fee on their head and get some money for them."

"I didn't tell those three players that I was told to leave them out and they probably felt it was I who kept them out of the side. I feel bad about not



Fred Bunce

telling them and they probably blame me and not the club.

Bunce feels that Hakoah has hit the panic button. He points out that the club did well in the Ampol and Phillips Cups and although its start to the league has been bad the situation isn't disastrous.

He said he enjoyed his stay at Hakoah so much that he had been asked to help the club out in another capacity he would have agreed to.

He also said he intended to resume his coaching career shortly.

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Cannell in command

ALJAX 1 (Greechan 84th) GEORGE CROSS O.

ALJAX: Denny 6 — Lewis 6, Gardner 7, Cannon 10, Bennett, pass Williams 7, Vassallo 6, Greenchan 6 — Wall 5, McLeod 7, Morrey 5.

GEORGE CROSS: O'Hara 7 — Gambin 6, Wilkinson 8, Morgan 7, Hestland 9, Halgry 7, G. Eamon 6, McKinley 5, Se 5 (Mizzi 60th), Flaherty 5, Papas 6.



"We have to win this one. It doesn't matter what happens in any other game, but the fans

are demanding victory in this one," Ajax president Guy Spiteri said just before kick-off at Green Gully Reserve in St. Albans.

Victory against rival Maltese club George Cross did come — finally — with a goal by Kit Greechan just before the end, but Ajax had dominated for much of the match

and really had made it harder than it should have been.

George Cross was not dangerous in attack, because it was only now and then that someone moved up to lend meaningful support to Jim Papas.

Dave Rigby played some nice passes out of defence on the right, but he spent most of the game doing defensive duties rather than move forward to exploit his skill and vision.

It was the defensive strength of Norm Maltland and Billy Wilkinson that almost enabled George Cross to snatch a point.

But Ajax looks a much more accomplished team, even though it didn't play as well as it can.

Kevin Wall and Billy Morrey didn't win on the day, meaning that Gus McLeod was left to battle out on his own against the relentless marker, Dorian Morgan, and the other man in the middle, Wilkinson.

Stuart Cannell, the Ajax centre back, was again the best player because of his strength in defence and his ability to win high balls in attack.

While the team continues its challenge for the title, the Ajax club continues to consolidate around its social premises, it has solid crowd support — or at least it did have on Sunday — and a hard-working leadership.

Ajax for the Philips League in 1982?

It's a distinct possibility. I've no doubt the community of St. Albans would get behind the club in sufficient numbers with top soccer as the lure. — LAURIE SCHWAB.

Heery back, Innes gone

JUVENTUS 1 (Penzo) DOVETON 4 (Irvine 2, Quin, Creany o.g.).



JUVENTUS: Fantoma 5 — Donaldson 6, McMillan 4, Creany 4, Hird 6 — Vaccaro 6, Tarquinio 8, Sannipoli 6, Heery 7 — Incanalupo 7 (Inj. Ciccone H. T. 9), Penzo 7.

DOVETON: Ivanoff 6 — Thurlow 6, Merriek 6, Corke 6, Train 8 (Wick 88th), Bentley 6, Campbell 4 (*McConville 75th), Wassell 7 — Irvine 8, Cherrie 7, Quin 7.

Peter Donaldson cross in behind the Doves' defence and the second from a through ball by Sandro Penzo.

Juve finally hit back in the 30th minute.

Heery sent Incanalupo down the left and his low cross was palmed out by Lou Ivanoff. Ernie Merriek and Thurlow seemed to leave the ball for each other and Penzo pounced, striking the ball home from close range.

But the Doves soon sent Juve packing in the second half.

Irvine crossed from the left, Arthur Cherrie head on, the ball slipped through Fantoma's hands to Alan Quin almost on the goal line. He had no problems heading home.

Irvine broke through to cap a fine performance with his second goal after a poor defensive header by Andy McMillan and John Creany ended a dismal defensive day for the home side by deflating a long free kick by Jim Train past Fantoma.

John Innes has resigned from his post as assistant coach of Juventus and has returned to Altona.

Innes and Juventus couldn't come to terms over a contract.

Egan steals the show

FRANKSTON 4 (Stewart, Buchanan, Webb, Egan) ALTONA 1 (Innes).

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 7 — Thomson 6, Adams 7, McCluskey 7, Gillespie 7 — Webb 7 (Inj. Pryde 75th, Cooper 7, Halgry 7, G. Eamon 6, McKinley 5, Se 5 (Mizzi 60th), Stewart 8 — Egan 9, Buchanan 8.

ALTONA: Mazzoni 6 — Lewis 5, Kipatrick 6, K. Wilson 7, McGriggle 5 (Thomson 65th) — Waters 7, Innes 6, Pavlovic 5 — Murphy 6 (Liddle 60th), Whyte 7, Gambin 5.

The Charlie Egan show was a smash hit at Centenary Park last Sunday.

It wasn't what you'd call a sell-out audience but the critics left well satisfied with a commanding performance from the star attraction and the promise of a successful season ahead.

Frank Thomson had already played one poor ball, pass straight to the feet of Billy Whyte but fortunately Danny McCluskey was on hand to jockey Whyte and Thomson's mistake didn't prove fatal.

Not so the second time. The little right back, affectionately known as "The Sex Machine", must have had his mind on other matters when



he knocked the ball back to Kevin Innes and his simple tap-in climaxed a lethargic Frankston performance in the first 30 minutes.

Suddenly the tempo of the Frankston game picked up. Egan had looked sharp from the start. Now he looked lethal.

And his partner up front, Bill Buchanan, was just as damaging.

Buchanan gained possession on Frankston's left near the half line and sent an excellent ball across field to Dave Cooper going down the right. He crossed in behind the Altona defence, pulled a muscle and was replaced by Pedro Ramos.

The second half opened in much the same fashion as the first, with Box Hill thrusting forward deep into Maribyrnong territory, and Ray Taylor was unlucky to see his crashing left foot drive from close range, magnificently saved by Dzielakowski.

Box Hill continued to apply pressure but Kain and Jaworski, backed up by Dzielakowski at his brilliant best held firm, until the 67th minute when Peter Verechia won a ball in midfield and passed to Taylor to Ramos back to Verechia and on to Macleod. A brilliant defence splitting pass found Donovan Lawler at the far post to slot the ball past the despairing goalkeeper.

Polonia was stung into action and a series of dangerous attacks, during which Wallace and Czapiak were prominent, stretched the Box Hill defence to the limit.

In the 80th minute Sekulski picked up a half clearance 25 yards into the Box Hill half, and his chipped pass caught the Hill's defence square as Krynski, timing his run perfectly, fastened on to the ball and hammered his left foot shot past Morgan to equalise for the second time.

Suddenly the whole game changed, as Polonia threw its all into seeking a winner, and Box Hill was defending grimly in an effort to retain at least one point.

But in the 86th minute, Macleod, on the edge of the goal area, failed to control a long cross from left back Gamski, and Wallace forced the Hill's defence square as Krynski's sixth victory of the season.

KEILOR AUSTRIA 0 FIVE PARK RANGERS 1 It didn't take long for Park Rangers to take full advantage of Keilor's disorganised defence.

beat a defender inside the area on the right and chipped the ball across goal. Stewart tried to shoot but his attempt was blocked. The ball fell to Buchanan who turned and rifled it past Mazzoni from 10 metres.

Frankston started the second half in the sleepy fashion of the opening 5 minutes and Altona took the game to the Baysiders for a short spell. In this time Cooper had to make a timely headed clearance at the far post with Manny Gambin breathing down his neck.

Things changed in dramatic fashion in the 56th minute.

McCluskey slid down under pressure to hit the ball down the line to Egan who flicked it neatly first time inside to Buchanan. He went forward then played the ball in behind the Altona defence to the unmarked David Webb who calmly stroked it past the strangled Mazzoni.

Then Egan added his name to the scorers' list by running onto Buchanan's ball and hitting it into the bottom corner with clinical efficiency.

Smart to Falcons, Lucchesi leaving Slavia?

Grant Smart made a successful debut in Metro soccer in Morwell Falcons 1-0 win against Knox City last Saturday.

Smart lined-up at right back for Falcons after playing with Essendon Croatia and Green Gully Ajax in the State League.

Slavia striker John Lucchesi is unsettled and wants to move.

The former Juventus player can't agree on terms with Slavia and can be contacted on 560 1537 at home or 25 4860 at work.

And Slavia striker Mick McGorian will appear at tonight's (Wednesday's) Appeals Board hearing hopeful that his \$6000 price tag can be reduced to \$2000.

Fawkner struggled off Frankston Pines challenge in Second Division and strode four points clear at the top.

The Pines need a couple more players if their meteoric rise from Provisional League through the lower Metro ranks is to be continued.

FIRST DIVISION

POLONIA 3 (Krynski 2, Wallace) BOX HILL 2 (Taylor (Pen), Lawler).

POLONIA: Dzielakowski, Lipinski, Jaworski, Kain, Gamski, Pichner, (Garrick 55 min), Wallace, Czapiak, Sekulski, Krynski, Lalic. **BOX HILL:** Morgan, Roushouse, Brownlie, Sallenger, Rae, Verechia, Valentine, Macleod, Lawler, Taylor, Davidson (Illman 60th).

In an agonising finish Polonia put Box Hill fans on the rack as it turned deft into victory in the last ten minutes of the game.

A sensational beginning had Box Hill a goal ahead after only three minutes when Mike Valentine was tripped in the area, and Ray Taylor made no mistake, blasting his spot kick into the top right hand corner of the goal.

Two minutes later Maribyrnong equalised when an innocuous looking free kick from Sekulski somehow eluded David Singleton, and Krynski, ghosting in on the far post, had a simple task to tap the ball past the helpless Graham Morgan.

Maribyrnong playing attractive one touch football applied the pressure, but Box Hill's back four were equal to the task, and it was the Hillmen

who looked the more dangerous on the breaks. Unfortunately in the 44th minute Ian Darlington who had posed a constant threat to the Maribyrnong defence, pulled a muscle and was replaced by Pedro Ramos.

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JOHN LUCCHESI

Andy Savage was the man who pounced on a loose ball in the Keilor box and hammered it home through a pack of players.

From then on it was one way traffic.

Keilor threw everything at the Rangers' defence.

But it came to nothing until the 80th minute when George Craig picked the ball up outside the Ranger's box, beat two men and was brought down a yard inside the Ranger's defence.

The referee though, gave a direct free kick.

Keilor continued to pressure the Ranger's defence but to no avail.

KNOX O, FALCONS 1

KNOX CITY: Turudi, Fox, Rodella, Garthwaite, M. Priestley, Bailey, Haines, Senior, P. Priestley, DeJager, House.

MORWELL FALCONS: Dighilio, Smart, Irvine, Walker, Massaro, McElhinney, Williams, Mackay, Van Barr, Armstrong, Coed.

Knox City went down to the only goal of the match in a hard fought game.

After ten minutes De Jager was taken off injured after a heavy tackle and was replaced by S. Pongho.

The first half proved to be an even contest. Early in the second half Williams missed a sitter by shooting over the bar.

At the other end House saw a great shot hit the side netting. At this stage Knox was well in command of the game. Haupt was replaced by new Scottish signing Cochran.

Immediately Knox swung back into the attack with a good shot from P. Priestley. At this stage in the game Morwell really started to play well with shots from Williams and Mackay. In the dying minutes Cochran almost equalised with a great shot under pressure and could be the answer to Knox's goal famine.

Best Players: Knox — D. Roddis, M. Priestley, D. Garthwaite, Morwell — S. Irvine, T. Van Barr, G. Smart.

SECOND DIVISION

MELBOURNE 3, HELLAS 1

SCORERS: Diamantaris 5 min, Owen Goal 13 min, Ward 40 min, Theodoropoulos 73 min.

MELBOURNE: Magro, Cerra, Coach, Bird, Miller, Calomino, Lis, Theodoropoulos, Diamantaris, Ward, Milborough (Hibbitt).

Melbourne started the game in an aggressive style and scored in the first five minutes.

Philip Diamantaris received a long through ball which bobbed in front of the keeper who fouled Diamantaris. The ball rolled into the net and the referee played the advantage rule and awarded the goal.

Hellas' best player, Rameiro, hammered a free kick goalward, the ball hit the Melbourne wall and deflected into the net past the wrong footed Melbourne keeper Victor Magro.

After the goal both teams played an exciting end-to-end football with South Melbourne Hellas having more of the game.

But it was another through ball from the midfield that gave Melbourne the lead. Danny Ward who teined around the centre half then beat the other defender for pace. Once he was face to face with the Hellas keeper he side footed him and slipped the ball into the empty net.

After a period of sustained pressure by South Melbourne in the beginning of the second half, Melbourne fought back to take control of the game.

The midfield performed well with Costa Theodoropoulos doing a lot of running. In the 73rd minute he slotted home a loose ball from Melbourne's third goal. It was just after this that Diaman-

taris received his marching order.

Best Melbourne: Lia, Milar, Diamantaris, Hellas: Rameiro.

FAWKNER 3 (C. Sabidussi 2 pens, Schipano) FRANKSTON PINES 0.

FAWKNER: Tazini, Sabadini, Polita, Goonay, Fattore, B. Sabidussi, C. Sabidussi, Mainenti, Fragile, Santangelo, Schipano.

Les Gooney made a triumphant return as libero after a two-week absence due to injury stamping his authority on a winning Fawkner defence.

Inspired by Gooney, Fawkner increased its lead at the top of the ladder, as Frankston Pines had been Fawkner's closest rivals.

Two of the goals came from pens, both converted by Carlo Sabidussi. The first was over a foul on Frank Fragile and the second a foul on Rocky Santangelo.

A crowd of at least 1500 people saw this clash of the league leaders.

Fawkner should continue its winning run against Heidelberg Alexander at Heidelberg on Saturday.

It was a sad day for all officials, players and supporters of Frankston Pines.

Club secretary Vivian Smith collapsed during the match and was taken to Preston and Northcote Community Hospital but passed away later that night.

His loss is deeply felt by everyone connected with the Pines and the club expresses its sincere sympathies to the Smith family.

FOURTH DIVISION

MORNINGTON 5, FERNTREE GULLY 2

MORNINGTON: van Egmond, Pustard, Dunne, Sirmo, Glenocross, van Egmond Jr. (Balfour 75th), Hughes, DeJong, Lines, Menlove, Jones.

DeJong put Mornington in front in the fifth minute and the home side made good use of the wind by taking the game to Ferntree Gully.

Hughes hit the bar before Gully gave away a penalty in the 16th minute from which Geoff Menlove scored.

But Gully didn't give up. Just before half time Mornington went further ahead

when Puska took off on a tremendous solo run which ended with a slotting the ball past the Gully keeper for number three.

Gully scored from the spot in the 60th minute after a Mornington defender handled.

Lines' long solo run put the home side further ahead but a long clearance by the Gully keeper put the Mornington defence under pressure and Gully made it 4-2.

But Hughes' deflected number five just before the end.

BEST: Hughes, Jones, Lines.

PROVISIONAL FIRST DIVISION

THOMASTOWN 4, GREENSBOROUGH 0.

SCORERS: Krasak 2, Tavorero, Dallas.

THOMASTOWN: Raponi, Borin, Traiskopoulos, Cosentino, Karamitris, Hrabie, Papadopoulos, Krasak, Dallas, Tavorero.

GREENSBOROUGH: Posar, Clarke, Waller, Brase, Thomas, Buch, Bateman, Drake, Dodos, Finn, Bask.

DISTRICT

FIRST DIVISION

POSTAL INSTITUTE 1, CENTRAL CITY 2.

POSTAL INSTITUTE: Nicopolous, Pappas, Triop, Felix, Pappas, Bakatsoulas, Kamboropoulos, Nihhas, Pappas, Ioanidis, Tahmezie.

CENTRAL CITY: Pantelli, Aristodemou, Konstantinou, Miller, Atzinas, Piliopoulos, Evlindou, Altieri, Vassilou, Nicolaou, Ioanidis.

The first half saw City completely outplay the opposition however City's forwards left many chances go astray.

Many of City's attacks built up from a deep position. Errol Aristodemou started many by streaming down the right flank and Phil Altieri played a deep midfield role.

The second half saw Postal score in the 47th minute but City came back hard. After five minutes Aristodemou's searching ball found Altieri who found Ioannou. He lobbed the ball to Nicolaou whose header beat the keeper. Minutes later Altieri's free kick found Ioannou who again found Nicolaou to head the ball again into the top corner at a crowded goal.

BEST: City — Nicolaou, Atzinas, Aristodemou, Altieri. Postal — Ioannidis, Nihhas, Bakatsoulas.



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Mighty Mitten

Sunshine, Altona go for two vital points

CROATIA 5 (Mitten 3, Adams 2) NORTHCOTE 1 (Vasic).

CROATIA: Blasby 8 - Short 8 (Andrews 75th), Bannan 8, Kokoška 8, Elvander Tront 8, Kerr 8, Adams 8 - Kwanan 7 (Batinovic 65th), Mitten 3, Murphy 8.

NORTHCOTE: Tachibana 8, Kallistidis 7, Nelson 5, Basikas 5, Fakos 6 - Nicolaidis 7, Kiriak 7, Rujevic 7, Garcon 6 - Sabinidis 8, Vasic 7.

Noel Mitten had a picnic against Northcote last Sunday scoring three and getting taken down for two penalties from which Keith Adams scored Croatia's other two goals.

A pass out of defence by Northcote player-coach Jim Kiriakis was intercepted by Steve Kokoška in the 14th minute. He charged forward then knocked the ball to Mitten who ran through and put Croatia one up with a low right foot shot.

Croatia went further ahead in the 35th minute.

Mitten passed to Adams on Croatia's right. He set off on a diagonal run across the park, beat two opponents then passed to Mitten on the edge of the Northcote area on the left. He pushed the ball past Kris Kallistidis who made contact as he obstructed Mitten, the referee pointed to the spot and Adams scored.

But Northcote came back four minutes later.

Kiriakis played the ball out of defence to John Nicolaidis wide on the right. His long, floated cross into the Croatia area went over Paddy Bannan's head. Steve Kokoška and Steve Short got mixed-up and the ball broke for Dragan Vasic who drove it low into the near corner from 12 metres.

But it was clear that Croatia was the side full of ideas.

In the 63rd minute Northcote's fight ended.

A series of short, sharp passes between Mitten, Alan Kerr and Joe Tront resulted in Mitten getting clear inside the area but as he prepared to shoot Kallistidis tripped him. Again Adams converted efficiently.

Two minutes later Croatia scored as good a goal as you could wish to see.

Bannan won the ball on the edge of his area and passed to Tront. He pushed to Adams who held possession then played back to Tront moving forward. Tront drove a superb crossed ball to Kerr on Croatia's right. He crossed to Ken Murphy at the near post. Murphy headed on to the incoming Mitten who capped a scintillating interpassing move with a spectacular diving header at the far post. Mitten rubbed salt into Northcote's wounds by notching his hat-trick in the 76th minute.

And someone told me at the start of the season that Croatia was finished.

Just wait until the side is at full strength with Carl Gilder's return. MICK O'BRIEN



Victorian State League
with CRAIG MACKENZIE

Sunshine and Altona meet head-on in this Sunday's western suburbs derby at Chaplin Reserve in a game crucial to the survival aspirations of both clubs.

The Shiners have failed to flatter so far but Altona has snatched points from glamor sides Croatia and Croydon.

Most Altona supporters probably want me to pick Sunshine, in fact after last Sunday's 4-1 loss to Frankston I was told in the Centenary Park clubrooms after the match that I had jinxed Altona which had put in its worst league effort this season.

Well I'm staying clear of being accused of jinxing anyone by selecting a draw in what should be a fiercely contested match.

Sunshine newcomer Norrie Pate has looked particularly sharp in training and if he receives good service and support from his midfielders, Altona's central defensive combination of Brian Kilpatrick and Kevin Wilson will be put under the hammer.

Altona keeper Dennis Masseni has come under criticism for not coming off his line quickly but Masseni's reflexes are lightning sharp and it's hard to see the Shiners breaking through.

Doveton's defensive discipline and organisation faces its stiffest test against the free scoring Croatia strike force led by Noel Mitten and Ken Murphy.

Clashes between Murphy and Doveton full back Peter Thurlow and Mitten and Doveton stopper Paul Corke hold the key to the Doves' fate.

Tireless Doveton midfielders Jim Train and Gordon Bentley backed by Kim Wassell's creativity may not be enough to break the dominance of Joe Tront, Alan Kerr and Keith Adams, a trio in superb form, working hard for each other and continually full of ideas.

Croatia looks too classy.

What's Northcote's defence done to warrant two consecutive weeks of bombardment?

First it staggers off Olympic Park in a drunken-like swagger after having five goals stuck inside it last week and this week it takes on the Loughane brothers, Peter and Ian, and Dave Brogan.

There's something sado-masochistic about playing at the back for Northcote.

Croydon should maintain its leadership status by tearing the Northerners apart at John Cain Reserve.

CROYDON 1 (McCombe) SUNSHINE 0.

CROYDON: Keogh 8 - Spink 3, Pengo 8, McCombe 8, Halseon 8 - Smith 7, Wade 6, Howarth 7, Bakker 6 (Wright 65th), Brogan 7, I. Loughane 7.

SUNSHINE: Contini 6 - Blasby 6, Nelson 6, Ellis 7, Morovic 8 - Laing 5, Campbell 5, Muzal 5, McNally 6, Muldrick 5, Bannigan 4 (Sbaglia 75th).

Sean Keogh's reflexes and the crossbar saved Croydon from dropping a point in a game in which Bill McArthur's side had the greater possession but failed to create many clear scoring chances.

Norrie Pate didn't line-up for the Shiners as his clearance wasn't through.

Croydon's dominance in the



Canon CLUB CLOSE-UP GEORGE CROSS



BACK ROW, left to right: Brendan Farmer (from Athlone 1981), Harry McKinlay (Croydon 1981), Norm Maitland (Distillery 1972), Dave Rigby (Hakoah 1981), Brian Flaherty (Kellor Austria 1981), Orlando Sa (Portugal 1979), Robert Amos (Wentree 1980).

FRONT ROW: Damien Morgan (Ards 1979), Ged Bannon (Hakoah 1981), Billy Wilkinson (Boston Minutemen 1977), Tony Ziegelaar (Broadmeadows 1980), Ray Mizzi (Thomastown 1979), Paul Gambin (Green Gully Alex 1981), Oliver Gay (Philippines 1980).

INSET: Jim Paparea (junior).

George Cross was formed in 1947. In the early 50's president Lou Debono changed the team from an all-Maltese side to one heavily reliant on British and Irish players. Names like Campbell, Hobson, Horsefall and Gardiner are synonymous with Cross's success. So too are the Saccos, Vellas, Falcans and Muscats. Cross is rich in history with a proud record of success in Victorian soccer. The club's honours list includes: Third Division Champion 1949, 53; Second Division Champion 1954, 57; State League Champion 1977; Dockerty Cup Winner 1959, 62, 78; Armstrong Cup Winner 1976; State League Cup Winner 1959, 73, 77; Ampol Cup Winner 1958, 61, 65, 74; Australia Cup Winner 1964; Sun Cup Winner 1959.



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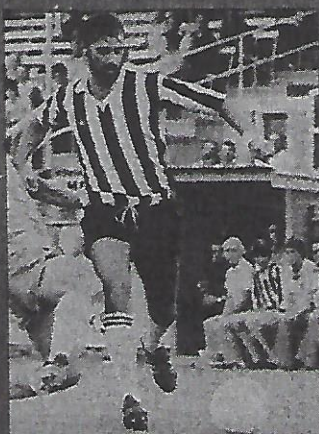
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